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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1507

Introduced by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 7901 of the Labor Code, relating to employment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1507, as amended, Negrete McLeod. Amusement rides.

The existing Amusement Rider Safety Law provides for the inspection of, and issuance of permits for, amusement rides, as defined, and makes it a misdemeanor for an owner or operator of any amusement ride to fail to comply with that law.

This bill would restrict the definition of the term “amusement ride” to rides that are transportable. This bill would also modify the definition of the term “amusement ride” to expressly include rides owned by traveling carnivals, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7901 of the Labor Code is amended to
2 read:
3 7901. As used in this part:

1 (a) “Amusement ride” means a transportable mechanical
2 device which carries or conveys passengers along, around, or over
3 a fixed or restricted route or course for the purpose of giving its
4 passengers amusement, pleasure, thrills, or excitement.
5 “Amusement ride” includes rides owned by traveling carnivals
6 and the business of operating bungee jumping services or
7 providing services to facilitate bungee jumping, but does not
8 include slides, playground equipment, coin-operated devices or
9 conveyances which operate directly on the ground or on the
10 surface or pavement directly on the ground or the operation of
11 amusement devices of a permanent nature. The division shall
12 determine the specific devices which are amusement rides for the
13 purposes of this part. This determination shall be made to apply
14 equally to all operators of similar or identical rides and shall be
15 made pursuant to a procedure promulgated by the standards board.

16 (b) “Operator” or “owner” means a person who owns or
17 controls or has the duty to control the operation of an amusement
18 ride. It includes the state and every state agency, and each county,
19 city, district, and all public and quasi-public corporations and
20 public agencies therein.

21 (c) “Permit” means a document issued by the division which
22 indicates that an inspection of the ride has been performed
23 pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the division.

24 (d) “Traveling carnival” means a person who owns ~~more than~~
25 ~~one transportable ride~~ *transportable rides*, who transports,
26 assembles, and disassembles those rides ~~more than once during a~~
27 ~~calendar year~~, and who employs ~~full-time~~ workers.

28 ~~SEC. 2.—No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to~~
29 ~~Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because~~
30 ~~the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school~~
31 ~~district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or~~
32 ~~infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty~~
33 ~~for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of~~
34 ~~the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within~~
35 ~~the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California~~
36 ~~Constitution.~~